



Access AfterSchool 2024/2025 School Year Evaluation Report

Our Mission: We are committed to enriching the lives of youth, supporting working families, and building healthy communities by providing high-quality after school and summer programs.

Our Vision: We envision communities in which youth are connected to their peers, families, mentors, and the community at large; where youth feel a sense of belonging, are socially and emotionally supported, are inspired to explore their interests, and are empowered for the future.

Access AfterSchool (Access) served a total of 1,329 students in three programs during the 2024/25 school year:



Accelerate (XLR8), an afterschool program that provides academic support and enrichment opportunities in a setting that adapts to the individual needs of students. Small class sizes allow for personalized attention, strengthening both academic growth and overall development. In the 2024/2025 school year, Accelerate (XLR8) served 281 students across four elementary schools in Garfield County.



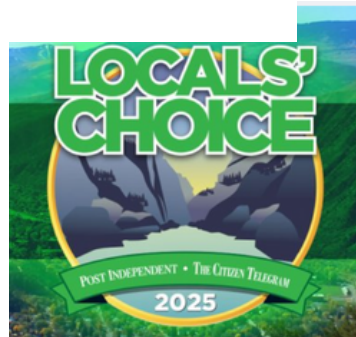
SecondShift is an afterschool academic and enrichment program for elementary and middle school students, designed to build eight key youth development traits: health literacy, creativity, responsibility, critical thinking, initiative, growth mindset, collaboration, and digital literacy, while also fostering college and career readiness. In the 2024/2025 school year, SecondShift engaged 823 students across seven middle schools and five elementary schools in Garfield and Pitkin counties in rural Western Colorado.



BoostCamp is a five-week, full-day summer program for students in grades 1-5. The program supports dual-working families and helps prevent summer learning loss by combining academic support with enrichment activities in a safe, healthy environment. In 2025, BoostCamp served 165 students.

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In 2025, BoostCamp was recognized as the #1 Summer Camp/Program in the Post Independent's Locals' Choice Awards. This community recognition highlights the program's strong reputation and the value it provides to families and students in the region.



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Motivation and School Engagement

Post-program survey data shows that Access AfterSchool has a strong impact on students' attitudes and academic habits. A total of 96% of students reported that the programs increased their enjoyment of school, while 85% felt better prepared for their classes. In addition, 91% of students indicated that their grades improved, and 83% said they completed homework more consistently as a direct result of participating in Access AfterSchool.

Physical Wellness

Access AfterSchool prioritizes active engagement by combining learning with hands-on experiences. Health Literacy—one of the seven 21st Century skills woven into our curriculum—encourages students to adopt healthy lifestyles, make positive decisions, and build self-confidence. Through classes such as soccer, basketball, mountain biking, long-distance running, fencing, fun fitness, unicycle club, dance, group jump roping, and yoga, students strengthen physical skills while incorporating wellness and mindfulness into their daily lives. Survey data shows that 78% of participants report making healthier choices, and 93% note improvements in their overall well-being.



Positive Relationship Building

With an average instructor–student ratio of 1 to 8, Access AfterSchool ensures that every student receives individualized support and mentorship. This personal attention fosters meaningful connections between youth and caring adults in the community. Survey results show that 98% of XLR8 participants view their instructor as a mentor and affirm that they know there is an adult who cares about them. Additionally, 95% of students reported feeling listened to and valued in Access AfterSchool programs.



Social-Emotional Wellness

Post-program surveys revealed significant growth in students' social and emotional development. Results showed that:

- 100% reported spending less time on their devices
- 100% expressed increased creativity
- 92% felt their voices were heard and their opinions valued
- 92% reported greater confidence
- 98% said they feel happier

These outcomes highlight the positive impact of Access AfterSchool in supporting students' overall well-being.

College, Career & Life Success:

Access AfterSchool equips students with the skills and experiences needed for long-term success. Post-program surveys show that 84% of participants improved their goal-setting abilities, while 89% reported making better decisions as a result of the program. Additionally 80% of students expressed feeling more optimistic about their future. Partnerships with organizations such as Colorado Mountain College, Andy Zanca Youth Empowerment Program, Aspen Science Center, and others provide students with opportunities to explore new interests, develop valuable skills, and discover pathways to continued learning. Programs like XLR8 and SecondShift further support academic achievement while expanding students' exposure to future college, career, and life opportunities.



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